

THE RECONCILIATION GARDEN



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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL — YALUKIT WILLAM RECONCILIATION GARDEN

Welcome to our Reconciliation Garden. This garden area and sculpture was established as a place to reflect and contemplate the work of Reconciliation which acknowledges, yet transcends all differences of race and culture.

Our plants have been specially chosen as they grow naturally along the beach and in the sand dune areas of the Port Phillip Bay coastline.

These species were present when the first Europeans arrived and so we hope that they will encourage you to reflect on the thoughts of the Indigenous land owners as they witnessed the Europeans entering their lands.

Our possum cloak sculpture represents various facets of our parish life and faith. Please refer to the wall plaque for further details.



Coast Daisy Bush *Olearia axillaris*



Hop Goodenia *Goodenia ovata*



Coast Flax-lily *Dianella brevicaulis*



Austral Seablite *Suaeda australis*



Cushion Bush *Leucophyta brownii*



Slender Velvet-bush *Lasiopetalum baueri*



Coast Tussock Grass *Poa poiformis*



Native Pelargonium *Pelargonium australe*

You might like to select one of these species for your own garden as a sign of your commitment to work for a true and lasting Reconciliation.

Plant	Type	Indigenous use	Notes
Slender Velvet-bush <i>Lasiopetalum baueri</i>	Low shrub. 1.5m h X 1m w		Responds well to regular pruning
Hop Goodenia <i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Low shrub. 1.5m h X 1.5m w		Fast-growing. May need pruning
Coast Daisy Bush <i>Olearia axillaris</i>	Shrub. 1-2m h X 1-2m w		Prune after flowering
Cushion Bush <i>Leucophyta brownii</i>	0.3m h X 1m350mm		Responds well to regular pruning
Coast Tussock Grass	0.8m w X 0.8m w	Weaving baskets and bags	
Coast Flax-lily <i>Dianella brevicaulis</i>	0.9m h X 0.9m h	Leaves used for tying and weaving baskets and bags	
Native Pelargonium <i>Pelargoium australe</i>	0.4m h 0.4m w		May die back over summer. Prune old growth

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SMOKING CEREMONY PLANTS

Muyan *Acacia dealbata* Silver Wattle
Symbolic of the Elders. Seeds, bark, wood, and gum were used.

Ballee *Exocarpos cupressiformis* Cherry Ballart
Needs a symbiotic relationship with another plant to grow. Symbolic of youth.

Biel *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* River Red Gum
Symbolised the community and community access to land and resources.

Reference:
Flora of Melbourne.
Society for Growing Australian Plants Maroondah Inc.1993.

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